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SUBJECT: SOHYO'S US LOBBYING ON BEHALF "RIGHT TO STRIKE"

1. SOHYO AFFILIATED POSTAL WORKERS (ZENTEI) SECGEN HOSAKA AND NATIONAL COUNCIL PUBLIC CORPORATION UNIONS' (KOROKYO) SECGEN TAKAHASHI INFORMED LABATT SEPT 23 THAT, ACCCOMPANIED BY PTTI JAPAN REP HATSUOKA AND THREE OTHER SOHYO OFFICIALS, THEY DEPARTING FOR US EVENING SEPT 25 TO SOLICIT US LABOR SUPPORT OF THEIR EFFORTS TO FORCE GOJ TO GRANT RIGHT TO STRIKE TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. ACCORDING TO THEM, THEY ALREADY HAVE APPOINTMENTS ON SEPT 26 WITH POSTAL WORKERS PRES FILBEY AND AFL-CIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DEPT. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT CANADA AND MEXICO ON SAME TRIP. OTHER SOHYO "TEAMS" DEPARTING THIS WEEK FOR WESTER EUROPE, AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AS WELL AS ILO HEADQUARTERS IN ORDER SOLICIT SUPPORT FROM ICFTU AFFILIATES AND ILO BUREAUCRACY.

2. ACCORDING TO HOSAKA AND TAKAHASHI, GOJ HAS STILL NOT REACHED FINAL DECISION WHETHER TO FINALLY GRANT, EVEN CONDITIONALLY, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RIGHT TO STRIKE. THEREFORE, SOHYO'S OVERSEAS LOBBYING IS AIMED AT CREATING AS MUCH INTERNATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT FOR GOJ AS POSSIBLE ON THIS ISSUE IN HOPES OF STRENGTHENING HAND OF THOSE IN GOJ ARGUING IN FAVOR OF POSITIVE RESPONSE

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